

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original) A sheet delivery device of a sheet-fed press of the type that printed sheets conveyed by a sheet conveyor are sequentially stacked on a pallet placed on an upward and downward movable sheet delivery table and said pallet having said printed sheets stacked thereon in a predetermined stack state is taken out together with so stacked sheets and is replaced with a vacant pallet, wherein said sheet delivery device comprises a shutter device and a sheet separating device, said shutter device comprising a shutter bar unit movable between an operation position arranged between said stacked sheets and said sheet conveyor and a stand-by position arranged apart from said operation position to provisionally receive at said operation position said printed sheets conveyed from said sheet conveyor, said sheet separating device comprising a belt-like blade movable over an entire width of said stacked sheets in the direction orthogonal to a moving direction of said shutter bar unit along an upper surface position of said shutter bar unit above an end portion of said stacked sheets from which said shutter bar unit enters said operation position.

Claim 2 (Original) A sheet delivery device of a sheet-fed press as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said shutter bar unit is formed comprising endless chains and a plurality of roller assemblies, said endless chains being provided on both sides of said sheet delivery table in parallel to a sheet conveying direction of said sheet conveyor, said plurality of roller assemblies being arrayed in a running direction of said endless chains and comprising rollers having their both ends supported to said endless chains via bearings.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A sheet delivery device of a sheet-fed press as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein a plate receiving device is provided comprising rails arranged in parallel to the sheet conveying direction of said sheet conveyor on both sides of said sheet delivery table closely below said shutter bar unit at said operation position and back and forth movable to a center of said sheet delivery table so that a distance between said rails is changeable.

Claim 4 (New) A sheet delivery device of a sheet-fed press as claimed in Claim 2, wherein a plate receiving device is provided comprising rails arranged in parallel to the sheet conveying direction of said sheet conveyor on both sides of said sheet delivery table closely below said shutter bar unit at said operation position and back and forth movable to a center of said sheet delivery table so that a distance between said rails is changeable.